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Filing Date	September 11, 2000
First Named Inventor	John K. Smith
Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Kathryn P. Odland
Attorney Docket Number	760-101

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 08/31/2004 MBIZUNES 00000054 09660078
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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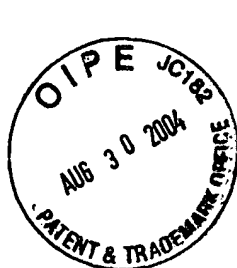
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

This amendment is filed as the submission accompanying a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. A petition for a one-month extension of time also accompanies this request.

Considering that the Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, the due date for filing the Request for Continued Examination with a one-month extension of time is August 26, 2004, one month from the mailing date of the Advisory Action dated July 26, 2004.

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A check for the fee of \$880.00 is enclosed, which represents the petition fee for a one-month extension of time (\$110.00) and the fee for filing the Request for Continued Examination (\$770.00).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.